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SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL: SPANISH SAHARA

1. ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE, SC PRESIDENT MALIK (USSR) CALLED INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS EVENING NOVEMBER 20 TO DISCUSS SYG'S THIRD REPORT ON SPANISH SAHARA (USUN 6146). SECRETARY GENERAL OBSERVED THAT THERE WERE TWO ASPECTS TO PROBLEM: A. THE TENSION CREATED BY THE "GREEN MARCH" AND B THE ULTIMATE RESOLUTION OF THE QUESTION. THE SYG HAD MET WITH THE PARTIES IN AN EFFORT TO DEFUSE THE TENSION. HIS PROPOSALS HAD BEEN ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE BY THREE OF THE PARTIES. MOROCCO, HOWEVER, BELIEVED THAT BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH SPAIN REPRESENTED THE WAY OUT, AND, FOLLOWING THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE MARCHERS, UNDERTOOK SUCH NEGOTIATIONS IN SPAIN. THE SECRETARY GENERAL REMARKED THAT COMPLETE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE AGREEMENT REACHED HIM ONLY ON NOVEMBER 18. WALDHEIM CONCLUDED THAT A REDUCTION OF THE TENSION HAD RESULTED DUE TO THE COUNCIL'S RESOLUTIONS,

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THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S APPEAL AND THE ORAL AGREEMENT REACHED

BETWEEN SPAIN AND MOROCCO. THE ALGERIANS' ATTITUDE, ON THE OTHER HAND, HAD NOT CHANGED. WALDHEIM OBSERVED THAT THE AGREEMENT REACHED WILL COME INTO EFFECT ONLY UPON ITS PUBLICATION IN THE SPANISH OFFICIAL "GAZETTE". THE SECOND ASPECT OF THE QUESTION, THE RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM HAS TO BE DEALT WITH BY THE GENERAL SSEMBLY, SPECIFICALLY, THE FOURTH COMMITTEE.

2. RICHARD (UK) EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO THE SYG, AND ASSOCIATED HIS DELEGATION WITH PARA 9 OF THE REPORT AND PARA 3 OF PART IV OF ITS ANNEX IV (ALGERIAN DOCUMENT). HE UNDERLINED THE NEED FOR GA ACTION SINCE THE MATTER RELATES TO DECOLONIZATION. SALIM (TANZANIA) AGREED, DISASSOCIATING HIS DELEGATION FROM THE MOROCCAN AND MAURITANIAN STATEMENTS THAT NEGOTIATIONS WERE UNDERTAKEN PURSUANT TO SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS. SAITO (JAPAN) SAID THAT NO FURTHER SC ACTION NOW WAS NEEDED. MALIK, SPEAKING FOR SOVIET UNION, AGREED THAT THE RESPONSIBILITY WAS NOW THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S.

3. FYI: AT THE FOURTH COMMITTEE MEETING AFTERNOON NOVEMBER 20, EQUATORIAL GUINEA REP, SPEAKING FOR AFRICAN GROUP, ASKED THAT NO DEADLINE BE SET ON THE COMMITTEE'S ONGOING CONSIDERATION OF THE SAHARA. THE COMMITTEE AGREED WITHOUT OBJECTION. SALIM HAS TOLD US THAT "SOME PROGRESS" IS BEING MADE WITHIN AFRICAN GROUP TOWARD RESOLVING ITS POSITION ON THE SAHARA.
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